

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 213

By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to honor Laurie Cooper for ten years of meritorious service as City Manager of Kingston Springs, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize the contributions of those Tennesseans who, throughout their working careers and years of public service, have made significant contributions to their communities and have provided outstanding leadership while improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Laurie Cooper is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; throughout her exemplary tenure as City Manager of Kingston Springs, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, before taking office in Kingston Springs in February of 1995, Ms. Cooper had served as the town's Park Commissioner and organized Spring Fling events; and

WHEREAS, Spring Fling raised money which allowed Kingston Springs to replace field lights for the baseball field, install new playground equipment, pave the parking lot and picnic area, install a barbecue pit, install air conditioning in the concession stand, purchase material for soccer goals, install basketball goals, buy new bleachers, and plant trees; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Ms. Cooper, after negotiating a lease for Burns Park, organized the annual fishing rodeo, community picnic, and Art in the Park festival for Burns Park; she also worked with a local realtor to secure a third park, Ullrich Landing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper is a very active volunteer with the Kingston Springs Seniors group, which provides services and activities such as bingo and potluck lunches for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, organizing the Tree Huggers Club, Ms. Cooper was able to beautify Kingston Springs' parks with trees purchased by local citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Laurie Cooper implemented the Emergency Resource Guide, which supplies equipment, locations, and volunteers in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, utilizing her strong creative and organizational skills, Ms. Cooper started the Dirtiest Car Pageant, the Snow Art Contest, and the Deck the Halls Contest, all designed to promote community involvement; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to fire safety and the town's fire department, Ms. Cooper has organized the Fire Department Strategic Plan, overseen building Fire Department Stations two and three, supported the purchase of a Ladder Truck, a First Responder Truck, and two E-One Engines, helped solve Fire Department fundraising issues, achieved an ISO rating of four, and attended all Fire Department functions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her unstinting service to the city of Kingston Springs, Ms. Cooper is involved with many community goals, including widening West K.S. Road, the Interstate Lighting Project, the T-21 Grant for sidewalks, Christmas tree lighting, the Cops Grant, the Cheatham Company Joint Economic Community Development Board, and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, proving herself to be an effective leader, Ms. Cooper has gained the respect of council members, community members, city employees, and other City Managers; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Cooper recognizes the frustrations and difficulties of successfully running a city government, and she strives to maintain those services that benefit the common interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State", Laurie Cooper's dedication to progress, her foresight, and her boundless energy have tendered a profound, positive impact upon the lives of the people of Kingston Springs, and she is worthy of much praise and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Laurie Cooper in recognition of her 10 years of
meritorious service as the City Manager of Kingston Springs, tender our sincerest gratitude for
all of her good works within the community, and offer our hopes for many more years of her
inspiring leadership and guidance in the position of City Manager

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.